

Neighborhood Association, Hilda has been one of the most vocal and informed advocates for the citizens of Kansas City. Her determination to see things done right has resulted in many memorable victories for the residents she loves so dearly. Whatever the task, Hilda is not afraid to fight until her community wins. She is so involved in her community that she accompanies the codes inspectors as they comb the neighborhood in search of full compliance. This activist spirit has also extended into politics. Hilda has used her informed status to support candidates she feels are the best for Kansas City and the State of Missouri.

Activism is not the only way Hilda is involved in her community. For several years, she and her late husband would spend Fridays as volunteers at the Truman Medical Center, and Hilda continues this ritual today. She is also an avid promoter and proponent of other arts community of Kansas City. Rarely does she miss a performance, but she also used her nights out in Kansas City to teach young women about the arts. Often she invites a young woman to accompany her to various artistic productions throughout the city giving the young woman the opportunity to broaden her cultural horizons.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in saying "Happy Birthday" to Hilda Gibbs as she turns 87. Her birth in 1915 has given the Kansas City community the gift of a loving, caring individual with commitment and dedication to making the community a better place through activism and service.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. CINDY WALL BEARD

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Cindy Wall Beard of South Carolina, a remarkable woman who, despite her battle with cancer, is a leader, a mentor and an inspiration to those in the community.

Mrs. Beard, a native of Scranton, South Carolina, received her high school diploma from The Carolina Academy. She later earned a Bachelor's degree in Administration from Limestone College. After college she worked as an administrator for Wall Home Health Care. She currently resides in Florence, South Carolina, but spends much of her time in nearby Lake City where she is an active member of Lake City Pentecostal Holiness Church exercising her leadership abilities as a Sunday School Teacher, leader of Discipleship, and coordinator of a local non-denominational prayer group called TEARS. In 1996, Mrs. Beard founded the Lake City chapter of the March for Jesus and has organized activities for the celebration every year since.

In May 2001, Mrs. Beard established Project Blessing, a program designed to assist children of families in low-income housing in Lake City. The impact Mrs. Beard has had on members of her community is best exemplified in the story of the Brown Street kids. The birthday of each child on Brown Street has been celebrated. Complete with cake, presents, and enough pizza for the neighborhood, every party was made possible by Mrs. Beard and cooperation from area businesses. She col-

laborated with Hilton Head residents to make sure Brown Street kids got the gifts on their Christmas wish lists. Always dedicated to her faith, Mrs. Beard established the backyard Sunday School program for Brown Street and other Project Blessing neighborhoods. The impact she has had on the lives of people in the community is immeasurable.

Though these accomplishments would be impressive under any circumstances, perhaps what is most remarkable is Mrs. Beard has contributed all this to the community while fighting a battle against cancer. In 1998 she became a published author with her book, *His Messages*, a statement of hope and inspiration to others with cancer.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Cindy Wall Beard, a woman who has touched innumerable lives in her community in countless ways. I commend her on her tireless dedication to others and wish her all the best in the future.

RECOGNIZING THE BATTLING BISHOPS OF OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, NCAA DIVISION III WOMEN'S SOCCER NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Battling Bishops of Ohio Wesleyan University for their first NCAA Division III women's soccer national championship. This victory caps a tremendous season that includes an astounding twenty-one straight wins.

Ohio Wesleyan University is an independent undergraduate liberal arts institution in Delaware, Ohio, with an enviable reputation for education excellence. As an institution renowned for its commitment to teaching and mentoring of the highest quality that nurtures and prepares students to be leaders and informed and involved citizens, Ohio Wesleyan University has reached and maintained a ranking as one of the top liberal arts universities in the country.

I remember well the excitement over the 1988 men's basketball and 1998 men's soccer national championships. Like those earlier teams, the Ohio Wesleyan University women's soccer national championship team has represented their school, their team and themselves with distinction and in the finest tradition of sportsmanship.

DONALD GOULET RETIRING AFTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CAREER

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to salute a good American, Donald Goulet, at the close of his 30-year career as a U.S. Customs Inspector and an FBI Agent.

Don's distinguished service to his nation began in 1966, when he joined the United States Marine Corps. Although as a college

student he was exempt from military service, his patriotism and love of country led him to this service. In Vietnam, Don earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with One Star, two Purple Hearts, and numerous other citations and decorations. Honorably discharged in 1967, Don returned to the University of Maine to continue his educational career, graduating in 1972.

Don joined the Customs Service shortly after his graduation, first serving as an inspector at the border crossing in St. Aurelie, Maine. Over the next decade, he worked at various Customs checkpoints, including a two-year stint in Montreal, Quebec.

In 1982, Don was selected for FBI service and attended the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. After assignment in Boston, Muncie, and New York City, he returned to Maine and worked in the Bangor office for much of the 1990s. Don's last assignment, a three-year tour in Boston, ends this month.

A devoted public servant, Don is even more dedicated to his family. He and his wife of thirty-two years, Donna, are the proud parents of Karen, Keith, and Kristen. An avid hunter and fisherman, Don will have plenty to keep him busy in retirement. He especially enjoys cheering on the Red Sox, the Bruins, and Super Bowl champions New England Patriots.

As a former FBI agent myself, it is my honor to recognize Don Goulet for his selfless service to the Bureau and to our nation. He is rightly proud of his years of service as a Marine, a Customs Inspector, and an FBI agent. I am honored to join his family, friends, and colleagues in thanking him for his dedication and saluting his distinguished career.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize a good friend from the Inland Empire, William J. Alexander. On February 13, 2002, Bill will be celebrating his 59th birthday.

Mr. Alexander is currently Mayor for the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California and has able served on the Council since 1994. Bill is a graduate of Montclair High School and Chaffey College. Bill is a retired Fire Captain from the City of Ontario where he brought forth his services for more than 35 years. He is a member of the Foothill Fire Protection District Board of Directors and he has served as a member of the Public Safety Commission for Rancho Cucamonga. He is also a Certified Bomb Technician having graduated from the FBI Regional Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Mayor Alexander and his wife have six children and five granddaughters. He has been a resident of western San Bernardino County for more than 40 years. Bill enjoys spending time with his family and makes that a priority even with his demanding schedule. He loves the community that he serves and plans on seeking another four-year term.

Happy 59th birthday, Bill.